

## August 6, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 3:00 p.m. Supervisors Ginger Schwanebeck, Bryan Hoover, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Tom Wegner, Sue Ackland, Eric Johnson from FYI News, A. Luppino, Arlene Morrison, Grace Vickerstaff, Jens Nielsen.

This meeting was properly posted and the media notified as required by law.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck and seconded by Mr. Hoover to approve voucher numbers 46985-47019 from the General Fund account. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mr. Schwanebeck to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2014 Regular Town Board meeting. Motion carried

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 07/31/2014 as 677,778.10. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 7/31/2014 as \$310,788.83. Quarterly transportation aid, shared revenue and computer aid was received. The transfer station has been very busy and generating a lot of income. A CD was renewed at Peoples State bank for 1 year at .4%. Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Road Project Bids:** Mr. Gaulke asked to be excused to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest as one of the bidders is his employer. Mr. Gaulke was excused and will return after the bidding selection has been made. Specifications for two separate road projects were proposed.

**Shishebogama Drive:** Two bids were received for this project along with lists of references. Pitlik & Wick came in with a bid of \$103,420.00 and Angelo Luppino, Inc. bid came in at \$128,485.20. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to award the bid project to Pitlik & Wick. Motion carried.

**Chequamegon Forest Road:** Two bids were received for this project along with lists of references. Pitlik & Wick came in with a bid of \$93,372.00 and Fahrner Asphalt bid came in at 103,859.00. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to award the bid project to Pitlik & Wick. Motion carried. For the record two other companies took out bids but did not return them. They were Musson Brothers and American Asphalt. Mr. Gaulke was called back in for the rest of the meeting.

**Fence Lake Road Speed Limit:** Mr. Gaulke reported we received a petition signed by a large group of residents of E. Fence Lake Road asking us to put up speed limit signs at 35 mph. Mr. Gaulke stated there is a cutoff point at 40 mph when you have to do a traffic analysis or traffic count. What we could do is put up 35 mph. advisory signs which are yellow. Mr. Gaulke stated we have done it in a couple of other places where it has slowed the traffic down. Maybe we could try it first and if it works great. The other option is to do a

traffic count which would cost the town approximately \$5,000.00. The DOT no longer pays for traffic counts. Mr. Gaulke asked the residents what their opinion was for the advisory signs. The residents present were agreeable to the advisory signs. Mr. Gaulke suggested we put up (6) 35 mph advisory signs, 3 in each direction and see if that helps. Motion by Mr. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Schwanebeck to have the (6) 35 mph advisory signs- 3 in each direction and if possible some pedestrian signs on the posts closest to the area around the Johnson resort installed. Motion carried. If the problem persists we can revisit the problem in about a year.

Motion by Mrs. Schwanebeck seconded by Mr. Hoover to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk